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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE GREEKS ADVANCING

**They Have Taken Several Strongholds Today
and Are Steadily Pushing Forward. It
Is a Very Skillful Campaign.**

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Larissa, April 13.—The news today in that the Greeks are steadily driving back the Turks, are taking strategic points and will be in a decided position of advantage when war is formally declared.

There is no truth in the Turkish reports that the Greek irregulars have been driven across the frontier. Only a small band unable to keep up with the main body have retired from the field. The main body is still continuing successful operations with a view to cutting the Turkish line of communications, getting in the rear and raising the Macedonians against the rule of the Sultan.

The report of the capture of Kipuri is confirmed and in addition the Greeks have advanced as far as Pigavitta where there is an important bridge. A detachment has succeeded in capturing Zivoff, an important strategic point. Another column of regulars captured after a se-

vers fight the town of Sifoun, killed seven Turks and captured five.

The Greeks then advanced as far as Kritodes, Plisia and Kourdud and will hold the latter point at all costs. The Greek irregulars are now holding all four roads leading from the Thessalonian frontier in the direction of Grovna which is the Turkish center. The whole campaign has been well conceived and executed with great skill.

The news from the frontier is all decidedly in favor of the Greeks who are enthusiastic and animated by the greatest hatred of the Turks. A formal declaration of war is expected at any hour.

Mrs. Ormiston Chant, the English reformer, and six trained field nurses said to be on the way to Crete, have arrived at Athens and will be here tomorrow, to gether with the princesses of the royal family of Greece. They will be attached to the hospital corps. The whole frontier presents an exciting and warlike appearance.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THEY MADE SENSATIONS

**The Smith College Thief, an American Princess
in Paris, and a Chicago Bank Pres-
ident Create Stirs Today.**

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Dover, N. H., April 15.—Miss Caroline E. Neatly, the Smith college graduate who became notorious last week through having been arrested and pleading guilty to systematic thieving of the college student's rooms in Northampton, added to her sensational career last evening by being married to her constant lover, Daniel A. Hall of Springfield, who has stood by her through all her troubles.

The wedding was kept very quiet. The couple will live in Springfield. Some private settlement of the young lady's difficulty out of court are rumored here.

Paris, April 15.—Princess de Chimay formerly Miss Clara Ward of Detroit has been the sensation in Paris today. She was to appear in Monte hall in her first appearance in the city and crowds were eager to see her. But some very bad and nasty plans of her former husband prevented her showing herself.

The Prefect of Police learned this morning that her former husband and members of his club were preparing to create the biggest kind of scandal in the hall by going there to pelt the former princess with rotten eggs. Thereupon the police told the wayward woman that if she attempted to appear Monte hall would be closed and herself expelled from France. She promptly gave up the plan of appearing.

Chicago, April 15.—A desperate legal fight over the ruined Globe Savings bank will eventuate from the happenings of today. Chas. W. Spalding, the ex-president of the bank, made a voluntary assignment today to the trustees of Illinois University of realty and bond securities amounting to \$400,000.

The fact is that some of the bonds are now in the hands of the receiver of the bank and a desperate fight will be made to prevent them going to the university. Creditors all over the country will be interested in today's developments.

Local News!

Y. M. C. A. Matters.

Prospects for a Gymnasium Considered
Good. Assistant Secretary Resigns.

A well attended meeting of the directors of the Young Men's Christian association was held Wednesday evening. The report of the treasurer showed the finances to be in good condition.

The gymnasium question was discussed at considerable length. A member of the association said if the directors would provide a building the association would equip it, which proposition was very favorably received by the directors. A committee, composed of City Engineer John H. Emigh, George W. Chase and Secretary B. E. Lovejoy, was appointed to procure plans and specifications for a gymnasium to cover all of the lot in the rear of the association building, and to report as soon as possible.

The members of the association are much encouraged by the action taken and feel that the outlook for securing a gymnasium is brighter than ever before. They believe if it is built it will be well supported by the people of the city and that it will be a most important addition to the association's means for benefiting young men. It would be equipped with all the latest apparatus, including a bowling alley, and a competent instructor will be employed.

T. M. Brainard sent in his resignation as assistant secretary, to take effect May 1. Mr. Brainard contemplates entering the Springfield training school in the fall.

J. H. Adams was tendered a vote of thanks for six dozen chairs which he presented to the association a few days ago.

A meeting of the Ladies' auxiliary was held this afternoon and the Camera club will meet this evening.

Death of Dr. Harvey.

The following notice from the Springfield Republican of this morning will interest many people in this city, where Dr. Harvey formerly practiced and had a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

"Dr. Alvah Harvey, 74, died at his rooms early yesterday morning in the Olmsted & Kirkham block on State street. He had been ill some little time with diabetes. For the past 20 years he had been a practicing physician in the city, and was a member of the Hampden County Medical association and also of the Winthrop club. Previous to coming to this city he had practiced about 30 years in North Adams. Dr. Harvey was a native of Vermont, and had also lived in Worcester. He engaged in manufacturing at one time, producing the first Marshall's quilt ever made in this country. He leaves a son, A. C. Harvey, with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company, and a daughter, Miss Hattie Harvey of Boston. He was an attendant of St. Paul's church, and Rev. Charles Conklin will officiate at the funeral, which will be held from the residence of his son, 96 Dartmouth street, at 2:30 o'clock on Friday. The burial will be private.

Will Be Dedicated Friday.

The Brayton & Johnson school houses will be accepted and dedicated with appropriate exercises Friday afternoon at 2 and 4 o'clock respectively. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises and at the same time inspect the new buildings.

Will Graduate in June.

The senior class at Williams, harringtons and students, will graduate 60 men in June. The following are from this city: George Walter Ashton, Hugh Eaton Drysdale, Clinton Burr Goodrich, Roy Waldo Miner, Albert Adlen Reynolds, Wallace Everett Richmond and John Ryan.

Local News!

KAPPA PHI ALPHA.

Prize Speakers and Their Subjects.
Will Be Held April 30.

The annual Kappa Phi Alpha prize speaking contest will be held at the Columbia opera house, Tuesday evening, April 30. The speakers and their subjects are as follows:

Miss Emma Watson, The Province of a Normal School; Miss Nellie Brown, The Rise of Japan; Miss Jennie Blackinton, James Russell Lowell; Miss Natalie Smith, The Heroes of the American Revolution, and how we may profit by a study of their lives; Vernon Hastings, Thomas Jefferson; Charles Howlands, The Reason of the Success of the Scotch Story; Harrison S. Millard, Thomas Jefferson; William S. Spencer, The Rise of Japan.

Not Mr. Lunt's Successor.

F. H. Whitlaw returned on Wednesday evening from a short trip to New York, Hartford and other points. Mr. Whitlaw will not, as has been announced, succeed E. F. Lunt as foreman of the stitching department at the C. T. Sampson Manufacturing company, nor have any negotiations to this effect been made, but will resume his old-time position with the H. T. Cady company as soon as the latter firm finishes its inventory and resumes operations.

Auxiliary to Be Formed.

The Order of Alfredians of Blackinton, at a social to be held April 23, expect to organize an auxiliary, to be known as the Alfredian ladies. It is to be a benefit society and its members will be the Alfredians' wives and daughters over 15 years of age. The public is cordially invited to attend the social. On Sunday, April 25, the order will attend service in the Blackinton Union church when Daniel H. Clare of Hamilton, N. Y., formerly of Coventry, England, will preach.

Entertained at Whist.

Miss Bertha Fairfield of Pleasant street entertained seven tables of whist Wednesday evening for her guest, Miss Julia Chapin of Danbury, Minn. Miss Harriet Wood won the ladies' first prize, Miss Chapin, the second; Louis Draper of Williamstown, the gentlemen's first prize, and Wallace Richmond, the second.

District Court.

The following cases were in court this morning: William Gardner, drunk, case continued to April 22. John Buckley and Michael Golden, were fined \$5 each for drunkenness.

Special Meeting Called.

A special meeting of Lincoln camp. Sons of Veterans, will be held Friday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Business of importance.

BRAYTONVILLE.

A son was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. George Housa.

The Ladies Sewing society meet in the chapel this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Florence Sturtevant of Savoy is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Lewis.

The Ladies Aid society will serve a lunch supper in the chapel this evening, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Ice cream will also be served.

The Earnest Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. E. M. Harrison Saturday afternoon.

Local News!

Offerings of the Merchants.

Fine hams, 11 cents a pound, at Bate-

man's City Market.

C. M. Mather is offering a handsome brass bird cage for \$1.50.

Mrs. R. Simon is offering some dainty things in Easter millinery.

Mrs. Williamson and Miss Nimmo, two enterprising women of Adams, came to our town about Christmas time, and by advertising fitted two flats in Beer & Dowling's new block on Holden street with boarders. They have since hired the remaining flat, thereby occupying the whole building above the Co-operative store. Yesterday they added to the attractiveness of the place by a fine cabinet grand piano, purchased of General Manager Vashberg of the Leonard Music Co. of Albany. They have a few vacancies remaining. See their ad.

Barnard & Co. are offering some fine bargains in custom made clothing—made to order suits at the price of ready-made.

C. H. Cutting & Co. are ready for Easter with extraordinary drives in clothing and gentlemen's furnishings.

Darby's Hardware Store is selling lots of garden and lawn grass seeds.

M. V. N. Braman is making a specialty of fine chocolate and cocoa.

Jewish Feast of the Passover.

The civilized Jews throughout the world will celebrate the Feast of the Passover, commencing on the evening of the fourteenth of the Hebrew month Nissan, corresponding to the Christian day and month, Friday, April 16. Divine services will be held in the house of Israel on State street, commencing at 7 p. m. Morning services will begin 8 o'clock. Rabbi Rubner will preach a sermon in keeping with the day founded on liberty. The Passover lasts seven days, the first and last days being kept as holy convocations. Nothing of a leavened nature is partaken of during these seven days. Matzos, unleavened bread in the form of a large cracker, is partaken of instead of the ordinary bread. Special service will be held on Sunday morning from 8 to 11 o'clock.

To Their Iowa Home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hammond of Ashland street left the city this afternoon to make their home in Oakdale, Ia., which had been their home previous to last July when they came to North Adams. Mr. Hammond has been engaged in the shoe-making business at the Sampson Manufacturing company and will continue this business from his western home where he has other business interests also. He has shown himself a man of enterprise while here. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond have made many warm friends in North Adams and their departure is a matter of regret to all who have come to know them. They take many good wishes with them from North Adams people. They will visit New York and Philadelphia on their way West.

Sunday School Exercises.

The infant department of the Baptist Sunday school will hold special Easter services in their rooms Sunday. Each pupil will be given a plant. The parents are cordially invited.

The Methodist Sunday school is preparing special Easter music for Sunday. The hymn list is as follows: The classes of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sperry and M. V. N. Braman will give a carefully selected program. The Universalist Sunday school will attend the Easter exercises at their church on a body.

Get a copy of the Pittsfield Saturday Globe tomorrow. Its Easter illustrations and special features are too good for you to miss. Five cents a copy, and worth double the money.

Your Easter Clothes?

We are ready for Easter; are you? Spring togs will be coming in for some time yet; but the best are here. We know what sort to get first; for we know who are on the look-out early.

Here they are and we want you to see them all together. 8.50, 10, 12, 15 and \$18. Let us correct an error or two. The Cutting-made is the best ready-to-put-on clothing in North Adams; it does not follow that it is the most costly. It is all good; some strong, some fine, some as fine as clothes can be extravagant; all of it cheap in the proper sense of the word. Don't deny yourself the pleasure of looking, or us the pleasure of having you see our provision for you. Button your pocketbook up as tight as you like; but come in; today if you please, or tomorrow; not later than Saturday.

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Two special lots of Kid Gloves away below our regular prices, 50c a pair for those formerly sold at 69, 75 and 99c; the second lot will be 35c a pair for those formerly sold at 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50, not all sizes but you may be lucky enough to find your size. If you can't be sure and buy, special lot, all sizes, imported to sell at \$1.25, but we will let them go at 98c a pair.

Laces at Special Prices.
Special lot of Cream and Butter Color laces at 10, 15, 20 and 25c a yard.
Special lot of Lace Collars, Bolero effect 50c each.
Special lot of Lace Bolero Jackets 95c each.
Lace Neckwear of every description 50c to \$2.00 each.
Lace Towels from 1c a yard up.
Linen Towels, the biggest value ever offered, 25c a yard.

Specials in Handkerchiefs.
All Linen Embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, for only 25c and 35c each, yam-embroidered while they last 15c each.
New Swiss Linen bordered Handkerchiefs 15c each, new lot.
Special lot of Ladies and Gents' Handkerchiefs 50c each.

Specials in Ribbons.
A lot of Ribbons, No 5 will be 4c a yard, No 7 will be 5c a yard, No 9 will be 6c a yard, No 12 will be 7c a yard, No 16 will be 10c a yard. Special lot No 60 More and Fancy 35c a yard, No 50c, all Silk Taffeta Ribbons will be 15c a yard for No 12, all Silk Taffeta Ribbons will be 20c a yard for No 16. Big lot of Ribbons Nos 30, 40 and 50 choice 25c a yard. Special lot No 30 all Silk Ribbons 19c a yard.

Specials in Neckwear.
One lot 4 1/2 inch Silk Windsor Ties, your choice 2 for 25c, former prices 35c to 50c each.
White Lawn Bow: 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 12c and 15c each.
Black and colored: Silk or Satin Bows 19c and 25c each.
Fancy Neckties: 2 for 25c.

Specials in Embroideries.
One lot 1 1/2 inch embroidery 4c a yard, former price 15c.
Other lots 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, all the latest styles.
Pocket Books, all the new leathers, 2c to 3c each.
25c small Purses for the little ones 1c each.
Leather Belts 19c to 50c each, all the latest styles.
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One case Ladies' Seamless Hose called manufacturers seconds very little the matter with them as far as wear is concerned, 4 pairs for 25c, perfect would be 13c a pair, Ladies' imported full regular made Hose 2 pairs for 25c, other special lots at 15, 19 and 25c a pair all away below regular prices. Special lots of Ladies' Underwear, 5, 7, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20 and 25c each.
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Specials in Dress Goods.
Colored Sicilians double width, 12 1/2-26 a yard, all-wool checks 25c a yard, 38 inches wide, all wool DeBuge 25c a yard, Novelty Suitings 2 1/2 a piece of 4 1/2 yards, Fancy Vignette checks and Fancy Suitings all at 50c a yard.
Silk and wool suitings 30c a yard, 44 inch all wool serges black and colors, 38c a yard.
48 inch Coatings Brown and Myrtle, 50c a yard.

Specials in Housekeeping Goods.
Bath Towels, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15 and 25c each, Linen Towels, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20 and 25c each, special in napkins, 60c a dozen special in Table Cloth 10c a yard, special in shelf cloth 6c a yard, special in aprons, 8 kinds, 4-4 yards for 25c, 1 case Bleached Cotton same count as Fruit of the Loom, 6c a yard, limit 10 yards to customer.

1c. Specials.
Shaving Soap, Dozen Brass Rings, Linen Corset Laces, Box Brass Pins, Steel Key Chain, Spool Basting Cotton, Spool Embroidery Cotton, Yard Narrow Lace, 3 Dozen Shoe Buttons, Plated Teaspoon and 50 other articles.

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Cake Butter Milk Soap, White or Mottled Castile Soap, Dozen Safety Pins, Box Blacking, Pocket Book, Tracing Wheels, Card Pump Hooks and Eyes, Silk, 20 styles, Box Hair Pins, Pair Sleeve Buttons and many others equally as good.

3c. Specials.
Bottle Machine Oil, Cake Tar Soap, Pair Side Combs, Dressing Comb, Bottle Mucilage, Bottle Glue, Yard Garter Elastic, Turkey Red Handkerchief, White Handkerchief, Linen Lace, 1 yard, and lots of other Real Bargains.

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NOT "RUN OUT" BUT RETIRED

Some Reasons Given for the Common Aspect of Degeneracy on the New

England Farms. The Criticism Considered Unfair.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—Your editorial criticism of the statement recently made by the Survey correspondent of the Springfield Republican was an apt and timely step in the right direction. Why the Republican, or any other reputable journal, should welcome this occasional drop of sewage from the hills is past comprehension. It is to be presumed that it makes entertaining reading and reflects upon a class that is not able to defend itself.

The real facts of the case are, that the farmers in the hill towns of New England, are not excelled in improved methods, or general intelligence, by any people in the world. I make this assertion advisedly, as a body of citizens, a segment of the body politic. They are not to be weighed against the teachers of the university, for that is not their profession; nor compared to the select colonies of wealthy and refined idlers of the city, who affect the Browning clubs and the book stalls. But, when Mr. Brainard brings this accusation that the men who have wronged not only a living, but in many instances a competence from their rock-bound hills for a hundred and fifty years do not understand the first principles of their business, I am of the opinion that whatever he may be as a writer, he certainly is not a close observer.

The New England farmer, during the adverse conditions of all kinds of business in the last few years, has like the merchant and manufacturer, been obliged to trim his sails to the wind. And, in spite of the cheap lands, countless herds, and overflowing granaries of the West, he has saved himself from bankruptcy, and looted many besides to his package-giving, pound-harassed cousin, the village grocerman, at the foot of the hills. Not understanding his business, forsooth! the mountain has indeed "labored and brought forth a monster." To get closer to facts Mr. Brainard should live and travel for years among the people he so flatteringly derides and insults. His article is superficial, and his misleading generalizations calculated to create a wrong impression.

The writer of this article found himself at one time a guest in one of those rambling old farm houses. The view was beautiful, the broad summit of the hill was smooth, and evidently in by gone days, had been the scene of active and successful farming operations. The first rays of the morning, and the last of the setting sun lingered upon the picturesque pile of brown buildings reminding one of some ruined castle. Pure cold spring water, air dittie, fresh eggs, milk from a rural cow, etc., but something was wrong. In talking with the proprietor, as we strolled about the place, I learned several things which fully explained the degenerate look of things; but not upon the hypothesis of my host's ignorance of his business.

First, I asked outright, why he appeared to be running down so fast. This was hardly polite, but honest, and notwithstanding as an impertinence nor inspired by idle curiosity; for remember your solid country cousin has got you sized up while you are choosing words from your profane vocabulary to "worry him with," to talk down to him and not hurt his feelings. He smiled and replied with candor equal to my own: "Well, there is good reason for it, all I don't show on top, but the fact is, these fellows from the city that write for the papers to tell how we have gone to seed and all that, are generally such blamed fools we don't bother to explain much, they don't know enough to talk to, so we let 'em fool themselves some more. The boys you see, all got good places one after the other and the farm. I started right out on the bank, we kept thirty cows here in three days besides three teams. We hauled logs and wood in the winter and went to school besides, but the girls got persuaded after village privileges and the boys went West. They helped make the old farm pay, and it got 'em all a good start in return. Why we always made a thousands pound of clean maple sugar in the spring, and dressed the same of straight, white pigs in the fall, fattened on corn of our own plantin', I ain't tryin' to farm it, I ain't obliged to, got a snug balance in the bank. You wouldn't think so to look around, but mother and I rather stay, it's lack of help and old age, not because I don't know how, nor because I ain't paid, and then the children all come home at Thanksgiving and whenever they can."

In the discussion that followed, I learned that the manufacture of concentrated fertilizers, the appearance of new pests, the exhaustion of certain chemical or mineral ingredients, natural to the soil, and the rapid improvement of labor saving agricultural machinery, were all matters of common interest, and closely studied by the prosperous farmers of that region, who were adapting themselves as fast as possible to the new order. My informant, it will be understood, had not

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"run out" but retired, more than moderately successful, and from habit and association surely preferred his present surroundings; it isn't everybody who can afford to own a good ruin.

Let the would be caustic satirist of upland agriculture, and its methods, its hard working, honest and patient progress, amidst those gloomy days of financial depression, remember however, that because the man killer has disappeared from the Peruvian bayfield, or the Stamford farmer drops phosphate among his potatoes, it does not follow in the one case that the work of raking hay with antiquated machinery is one of the last acts, therefore the hay is not raked; nor in the other can it be shown that hazing manure is neglected for the engrossing political intrigues of rural office seeking; it might be for the sake of smooth potatoes.

Geo. N. Phelps.

BASEBALL NOTES.

More Players Arrive. Practice Game Saturday. Opening Game Monday.

Four more players of the North Adams baseball team arrived Wednesday. Edward Drew, Joe White, Harman Yerkes and Dan Lacey.

Drew, the heavy hitting center fielder, comes from Brooklyn, N. Y. Last season he played with the Wilmington, Del., team of the Atlantic association and had a batting average of .300.

Joe White, second baseman, is a short, thick set man 22 years old and weighing 160 pounds. Last season he played with the Camden club of the New Jersey league and made a fine record. His batting average was .327.

Harmon Yerkes, the elongated pitcher, is over six foot tall and weighs 175 pounds. He pitched for the Clermont team of Philadelphia last season and won 42 out of 47 games pitched.

Dan Lacey, catcher, is a well built lad weighing 155 pounds. He caught for the Carbondale club of the Pennsylvania league during the first part of last season and finished with the Central Parks of Orange.

All the men that have reported so far are gentlemanly appearing fellows and thoroughly understand the game. Lacey and O'Brien donned their uniforms Monday and took two hours practice at the park in the afternoon. The people who saw them at work were loud in praising the cleverness of the two men.

The park is nearly completed and when ready for the general public it will be one of the best baseball parks in the state. It is a fine day Saturday an exhibition game will be played between the regular team and a picked team. This will give the people an opportunity to size up the players before going into a regular game, besides giving them some much needed practice in team work.

Jack Dooley has been signed as the regular umpire for all the home games, and should prove a good man for the position, for besides his long experience in the profession as a player his long reach will enable him to get a commanding view of the entire field situation.

Wheel and Rider in the River.

T. Riordan, the Main street shoe dealer met with a mishap Tuesday evening while trying to learn to ride a bicycle. John Hillard, the ice dealer, was his willing instructor and the "bug" was near the blue dye house of the Arnold print works, was the place chosen by Mr. Riordan where he might conquer his wobbly steed. He progressed so rapidly that Mr. Hillard consented to allow him to go it alone and the permission proved disastrous.

After getting under way in a manner quite flattering, Mr. Riordan was unable to catch the speed of the wheel and before he could get off or fall off the unmanageable monster had plunged with his rider down an embankment into the shallow river. Without waiting for instructions, Mr. Riordan found his way to his home, changed his clothes, returned and recovered his dripping wheel with the aid of a boat hook and the unsolicited advice from a number of spectators. He declares his practice ground in the future will be Main street.

Lenten Services.
At the Congregational church, Rev. A. B. Church will preach on the fifth word from the cross—"I Thirst."

At 10:30 o'clock Friday morning there will be prayer and an address at St. John's church; at 12 m., a three hours service; at 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

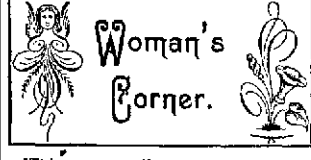
At St. Francis church: the exercises will begin at 8 o'clock Friday morning and in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the stations of the cross will be ready in the evening at 7:30 the exercises will consist of a sermon on the "Passion" and the veneration of the cross.

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Woman's Corner.

[This corner will be devoted, weekly, to the interests of the ladies of North Adams and the adjoining towns, taking up, from time to time, topics of practical value to all lovers of domestic peace. Address all communications to the Woman's Corner, the TRANSCRIPT, giving your address.]

A simple meal, daintily served, will contribute more toward a man's comfort than anything else in this world. The man who is grumpy at his business has nine times out of ten, eaten a half cooked dinner at home or his boarding-house mistress has fed him upon too much plum pudding? Many a wife who thinks her husband's heart is in his sleeve, or perhaps up in his throat, would find no trouble in locating it if she would throw her fancy work in the fire, don a clean white apron and make some appetizing dish which "Jack likes."

This week a great many ladies will think they have a reasonable excuse for neglecting home duties in order to plan a dainty dress and hat for Easter. Instead of spending Saturday at the dressmakers let us go into the kitchen and either make or superintend the compounding of three or four nice dishes for Easter Sunday. The following is not only delicious to eat but charming to look at, representing a meal with Easter eggs.

Soak a half box of gelatine in a half-cup of cold water one half-hour. Boil two cups of milk and add to the gelatine, with two level tablespoonsful of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla. Allow it to cool until it thickens, then add a cup of cream, whipped very stiff. Wash six eggs, make a hole inside of shell near the large end. Pour out the whites into a bowl, break up the yolks with a skewer and pour into a bowl ready to be used for cake. Wash insides of eggs, drain and set them with the holes up into a box of salt for anything that will hold them level. Pour the blanc-mange in slowly through a funnel and set in a cool place to harden. Soak the other half-box of gelatine together with half the package of rose coloring matter, found in each box, in a half cup of cold water five minutes; add a cup of sugar and pour over gelatine and sugar a cup of boiling water. Boil to make a cup of liquid. When cool pour into a round dish with a coffee cup inverted in the center, set away to harden. When ready to serve remove the coffee cup, place small strips of candied lemon peel on sides of the jelly to represent straw, then break the egg shells carefully and place eggs in the nest, add a flake of whipped cream here and there to simulate feathers.

The following is a dainty breakfast dish contributed by Mrs. W. H. Sperry, Pleasant street.

EASTER TRIPLES.—Whip the whites of six eggs to a stiff froth and spread upon a buttered tin. Very gently drop each yolk upon the whites—about two inches apart, season and bake in a quick oven till delicate brown. Have ready slices of buttered toast which have been dipped in hot water (this however is optional), cut the eggs in squares, taking pains to have the yolk in the center. Slip a knife under and slice one of the squares upon a slice of toast. Serve immediately as standing makes them tough.

EASTER CAKE.—Contributed by Mrs. J. D. Pease, Eagle St.
Cream together one cup of sugar and a half-cup of butter, add yolks of four eggs and a half-cup of milk, stir in gradually two and one-half cups of flour, sifted with two teaspoonsful of baking powder. Add a teaspoonful of lemon juice and stir in lightly the whites of the four eggs, beaten very stiff. Bake in four layers and fill with the following. Grated rind of one and the juice of two lemons, one cupful of sugar, one egg, one-half cupful of water, one teaspoonful of cornstarch. Cook until it thickens; cool before spreading. Ice the top and decorate with rings of candied cherries, alternating with seeded raisins and small pieces of citron.

Duchesse potatoes.—Contributed by Mrs. A. W. Richmond, Ashland St.
Mashed potatoes, left from Saturday's dinner. Add a few tablespoonsful of cream, season and put into a stew-pan 'till thoroughly heated, stir in the well beaten yolk of an egg. Form into balls,

and brush over with the white, put in a cool place. Bake to a golden brown just before serving.

Easter Ham-dress.—Chop cold boiled ham and mold into a flat loaf. Garnish with peas and slices of hard boiled eggs.

The Woman's Corner next week will take up deserts. The editor of this corner hopes to receive a goodly number from the ladies of North Adams and vicinity and will publish as many as practicable.

NEARING COMPLETION.
The Large Livery Barn Which J. H. Flagg is to Occupy.

The large livery barn being built by the Kimball estate and to be occupied by J. H. Flagg is rapidly nearing completion, though it will be about a month yet before the last finishing touch will be put on. But the work has reached a stage where it is easy to see what the building will be when complete, and those who have visited it are greatly pleased with the excellence of the plan and the thoroughness of construction.

The building, including the part to be used for office and other purposes, in three stories high and is built of brick, with marble trimmings. The timber is North Carolina pine and the posts and beams are of iron, giving the barn great solidity and strength.

The office will have a ladies waiting room supplied with every convenience, and there will also be a good robe room over the office, on the second floor, will be the harness room and on the third floor will be a bedroom for employees and a large storeroom. The floor of the harness room is sloped so that the water used in washing harness will be drained into the sewer.

The first story of the barn will be for the storage of carriages and sleighs that are in use. The horse stable will be on the second floor and the third floor will be for the storage of wagons and sleighs, hay, straw and grain. The hay loft is 110 feet long and will hold a great quantity. The hay will be elevated with a horse fork. The oat bin will hold a car load of oats and the grain when used will be drawn from a spout on the second floor. The stable floor is absolutely water tight and sinks under the stalls will carry all liquids directly into the sewer. The manure will be thrown into a shaft which will carry it to a tight pit and the manure can and will be kept strictly clean. This shaft extends to the third story and will also conduct the dust and litter which collects there to the manure pit. There are two light and ventilating shafts running up through the building, and there will be an elevator on which vehicles will be raised and lowered to and from the third floor.

The barn will be very complete and convenient in every particular and Mr. Flagg is happy in the thought of soon being located in the finest livery building in Western Massachusetts.

Mr. Cory's Funeral.
The funeral of Ernest J. Cory, the student who died at Williamstown Tuesday, was largely attended this afternoon from his late home at Buskirk's Bridge, N. Y. Professor Russell of Williams college conducted the services and there were present over 30 students, including members of his class and the football and baseball teams. They went in a special car attached to the train leaving Williamstown at 12:30. There were many beautiful floral offerings sent by the students and the people of Buskirk's Bridge.

Will Sing in Worcester.
Miss Flora Praven of Providence, R. I., a niece of Mrs. L. B. Shepard of Davenport, Mass., has been engaged as soprano soloist in the Plymouth Congregational church in Worcester. Miss Praven will be pleasantly remembered by many in this city. While visiting here last summer she sang at two services in the Congregational church and her excellent voice was heard with delight.

E. Rogers Returns.
E. Rogers arrived in Williamstown Wednesday night from Philadelphia, N. C., where he spent the winter, and in stopping at the home of A. R. Smith, where he will remain till he goes to Heron Island in June. Mr. Rogers had a severe attack of grip while in the South, but aside from that he spent the winter very pleasantly.

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